

Archie
★ COMICS ★

187 US \$2.25
CAN \$2.65

SEGA®

THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

SONIC



EDGEHOG

SONIC
VS
EVERYONE
(well, almost...)



Tracy
Yardley
SEBSEN

MISTER POPULAR

WOULD YOU RELAX?

WE'RE THE BEST-LOOKING COUPLE HERE, AND WE'RE JUST HAVING A GOOD TIME.

DON'T LET MY WIFE HEAR YOU SAY THAT.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASINO NIGHT CLUB STAYS IN THE CLUB, SIR.

DULY NOTED.

AND YOU ARE ...?

I'M JUST THE HUMBLE CONCIERGE.

Writer: IAN FLYNN • Pencils: MATT HERMS
Inker: JIM AMASH • Letters: JOHN WORKMAN
Colors: JOSH RAY
Editor/Managing Editor: MIKE PELLERITO
Editor-in-Chief: VICTOR GORELICK
Special thanks to KRISTIN PARCELL, DYNA LOPEZ, and CINDY CHAU at SEGA Licensing

SONIC & SALLY
Freedom Fighters
& Ex-Couple

MAMMOTH MOGUL
petty Demigod

BEAN & BARK
Bounty Hunters

NACK THE WEASEL
Fanged Sniper

AND
DESTRUCTIX
SLEUTH DAWG
Mercenary Leader



GEOFFREY ST. JOHN AND ROUGE THE BAT. TO WHAT DO I OWE THE HONOR OF BEING VISITED BY THE MOST RENOWNED SPIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KNOTHOLE AND UNITED FEDERATION?

JUST LOOKING FOR A GAME OF TWO-UP, MATE.

AND BEING GENERALLY IMPRESSED, MR. MOGUL. YOU TURNED ONE OF DR. ROBOTNIK'S OLD HOLDINGS...

...INTO AN INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS OVERNIGHT.



AS THE SAYING GOES, IF YOU CONSTRUCT IT, THEY WILL ARRIVE IN DROVES.

OF COURSE, WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO CLEAN OUT THE OLD ROBO-HOBO JUNGLE?

THE POOR LITTLE MACHINATIONS...

...WERE ABANDONED BY THEIR CREATOR. I SIMPLY GAVE THEM A NEW PURPOSE.



AND I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE SAME REASON YOU ACQUIRED AND RELOCATED THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL BAR AND GRILL.

THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE WAS SEVERELY LACKING IN A SERVICEABLE KITCHEN. SHOULD MY PATRONS GO UNNOURISHED?

ITS REPUTATION WASN'T OFF-PUTTING?



I'M ALL ABOUT NEW BEGINNINGS, MS. ROUGE.

YOUR INVESTORS' MEETING IS READY, *SIR*.

EXCELLENT!



YOU MUST EXCUSE ME. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, CALL UPON SCRATCH!

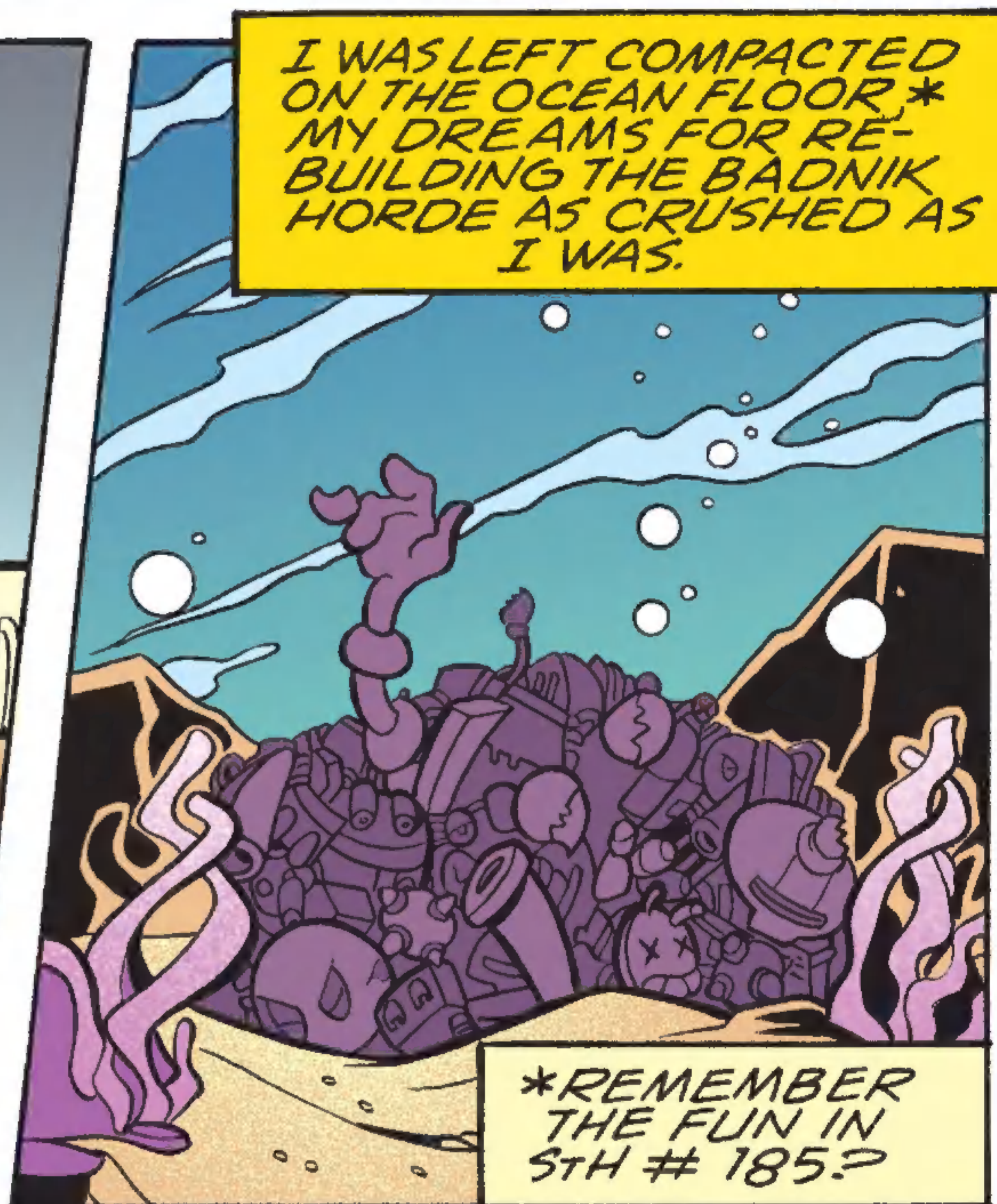


GOOD MORNING, GENTLEMEN. SHALL WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS?



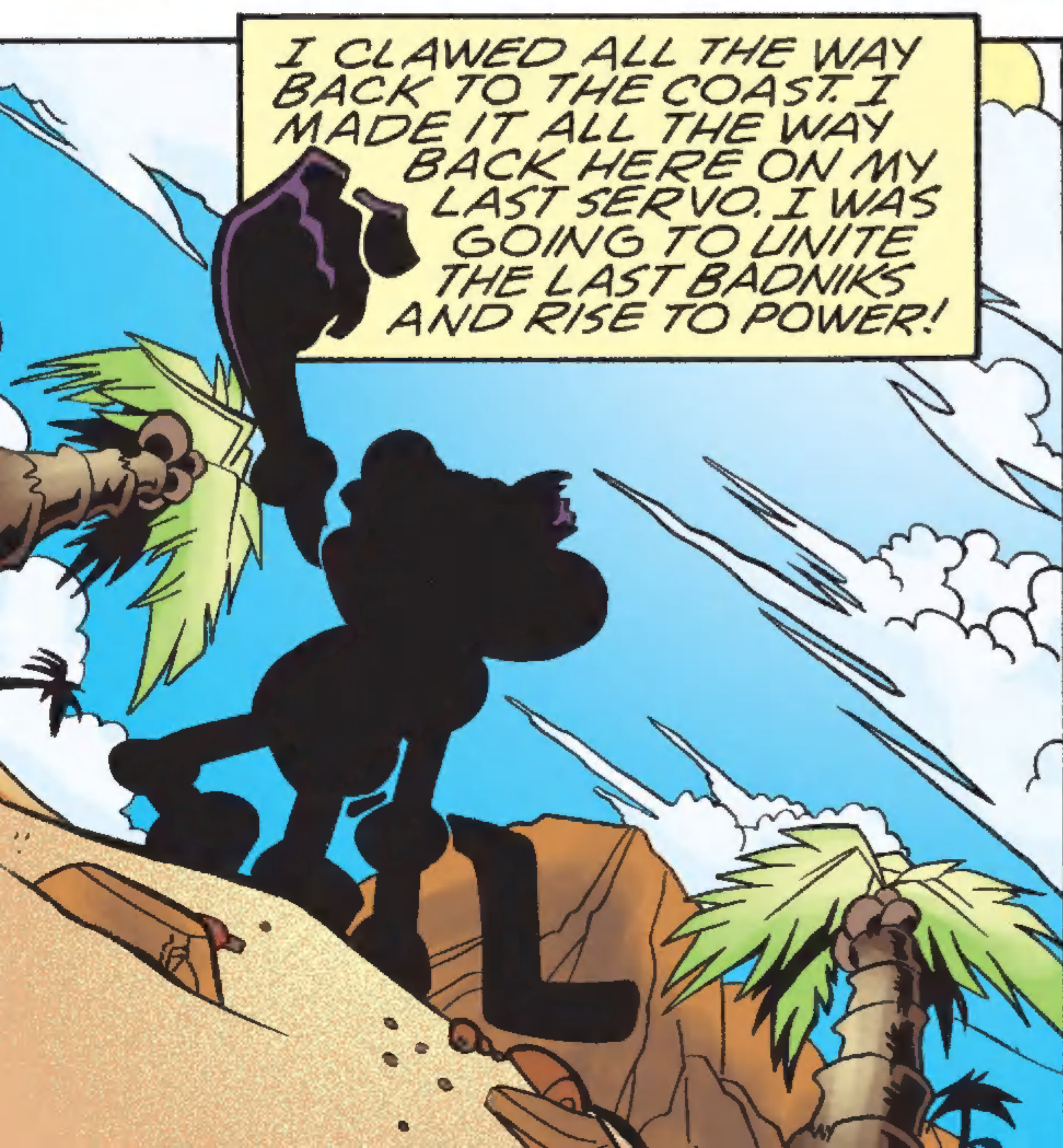
DUR...WOW, COCONUTS! ME AND SCRATCH GOT SOME NICE JOBS, BUT YOU WORK DIRECTLY FOR DA' BOSS.

DON'T PATRONIZE ME, GROUNDER.



I WAS LEFT COMPACTED ON THE OCEAN FLOOR * MY DREAMS FOR RE-BUILDING THE BADNIK HORDE AS CRUSHED AS I WAS.

*REMEMBER THE FUN IN STH # 185?



I CLAWED ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE COAST. I MADE IT ALL THE WAY BACK HERE ON MY LAST SERVO. I WAS GOING TO UNITE THE LAST BADNIKS AND RISE TO POWER!



AND NOW I'M A BUTLER MONKEY!

÷SIGH÷ SOME ROBOTS HAVE ALL DA LUCK!



I'M NOT SURE THE
DESTRUCTIX ARE FOR
HIRE FOR YOU,
MOGUL. YOU WOULD HAVE
LET DR. EGGMAN DESTROY
US, * AND NOW WORD IS
YOU'RE GOING SOFT.

"SOFT,"
YOU SAY?

*WAY BACK IN
STH # 164.



YOU GET YOUR
CHAOS EMERALD BACK,
AND WHAT DO YOU DO?
YOU LET SONIC GO, AND
YOU FREE THESE JOKERS,**
WHAT WOULD YOU
CALL THAT?

A CAUTIOUS
INVESTMENT.
DO NOT PLAY
THE WOUNDED
HEART WITH ME,
SLEUTH. YOU AND YOUR
CADRE ARE IN IT FOR
THE MONEY. YOUR BEING
HERE IS PROOF ENOUGH.

**NOT SO WAY
BACK, AS IN
LAST ISSUE!



AND YOUR MUTUAL
VENDETTA WITH SONIC
IS SOMETHING
I WISH TO
ENDORSE.

SO THIS
IS ABOUT
SONIC.

SHIIINY!



I'LL PAY
HANDSOMELY FOR
THE SHOES OF SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG. IT
IS UP TO YOU IF
HIS FEET ARE STILL
IN THEM.

MONSTARIS
EXSECRATIBUS
ME!





MERLIN?
DOES THIS
MEAN...?

YES, TAILS.
THE CURSES
LAID UPON ALL
OF YOU* ARE
NO MORE.

*DID
YOU MISS
ALL THE
ACTION IN
STH # 181
AND # 185?

THANK YOU,
MR. PROWER. IT'S
A LOAD OFF MY
MIND.

BUT NOT
MINE. I WAS
NEVER CURSED.
IT WAS A NICE
LIGHT SHOW,
BUT WHY
INCLUDE
ME?

THE HEX DR. FINITEVUS PLACED
ON THE MASTER EMERALD WAS
AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL ONE.
YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO DRAW POWER FROM THE
GEM. I WANTED TO BE SURE THERE
WERE NO ILL EFFECTS ON YOU.

OKAY, NOW IT'S
A LOAD OFF MY MIND.
BUT HOW *DID* I
TURN INTO SUPER
SONIC IF ITS
POWER WAS
"LOCKED?"



THAT, I'M AFRAID, IS A MYSTERY. WHICH BRINGS ME BACK TO MY NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

RIGHT, YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY ON YOUR OWN?

WHY CAN'T YOU DO YOUR MEDITATIONS HERE? NICOLE COULD BUILD YOU WHATEVER YOU NEED...

I'M SURE. I HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.

I'M SURE SHE COULD, BUT IF I AM TO COME CLOSER TO THE CHAOS FORCE, I MUST DO SO BY MY OWN MEANS.

I'LL MISS YOU!

AND I YOU, MY PRECIOUS NEPHEW. GIVE MY LOVE TO YOUR PARENTS. I TRULY CANNOT AFFORD TO TARRY ANY LONGER.



YOU GONNA BE OKAY, LITTLE BRO?

Y-YEAH, I THINK I NEED TO WORK ON SOMETHING.

GIVE ME A SHOUT IF YOU NEED ME, OKAY? I'LL BE WITH SALLY. SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO SEE ME.

SOON...

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE KNOTHOLE IS GONE. IT'S ONE THING TO LET GO, BUT TO EVEN ACCEPT IT...

IT EATS AT ME, TOO, SAL. I STILL FEEL LIKE I SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO MORE.

YOU SAVED US ALL FROM CERTAIN DOOM. ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

MAYBE FOR MOST FOLKS.

I'M USED TO SAVING YOUR TAIL.

HAR HAR.

SO WHY'D YOU WANT ME OUT HERE?

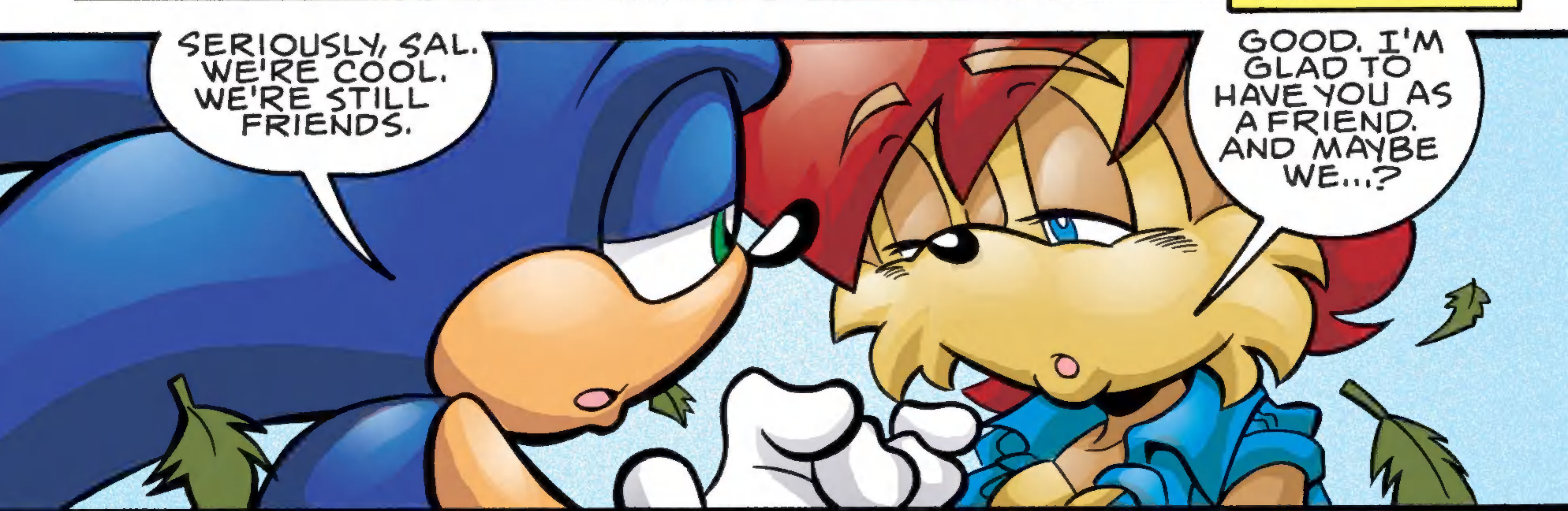
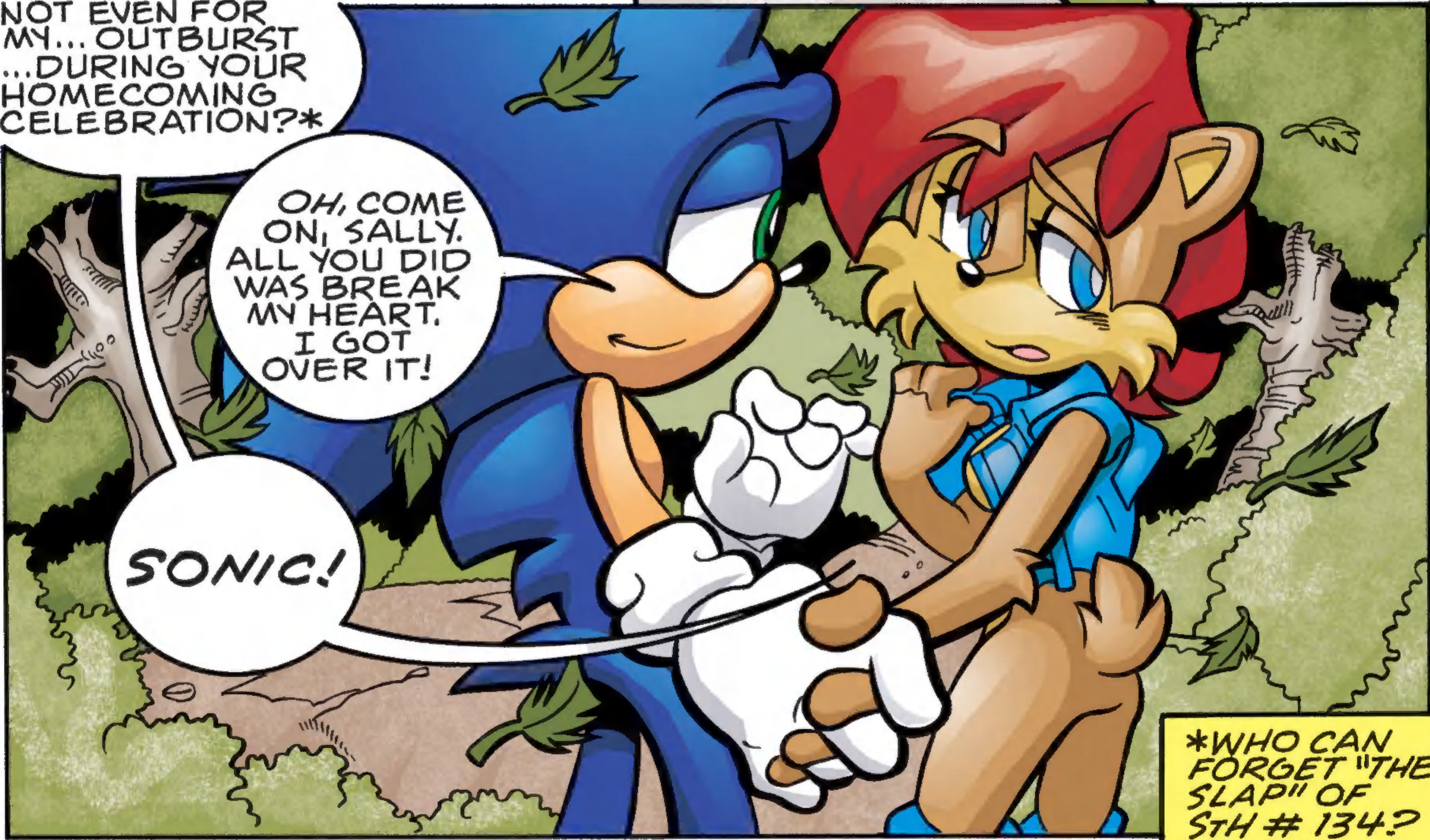
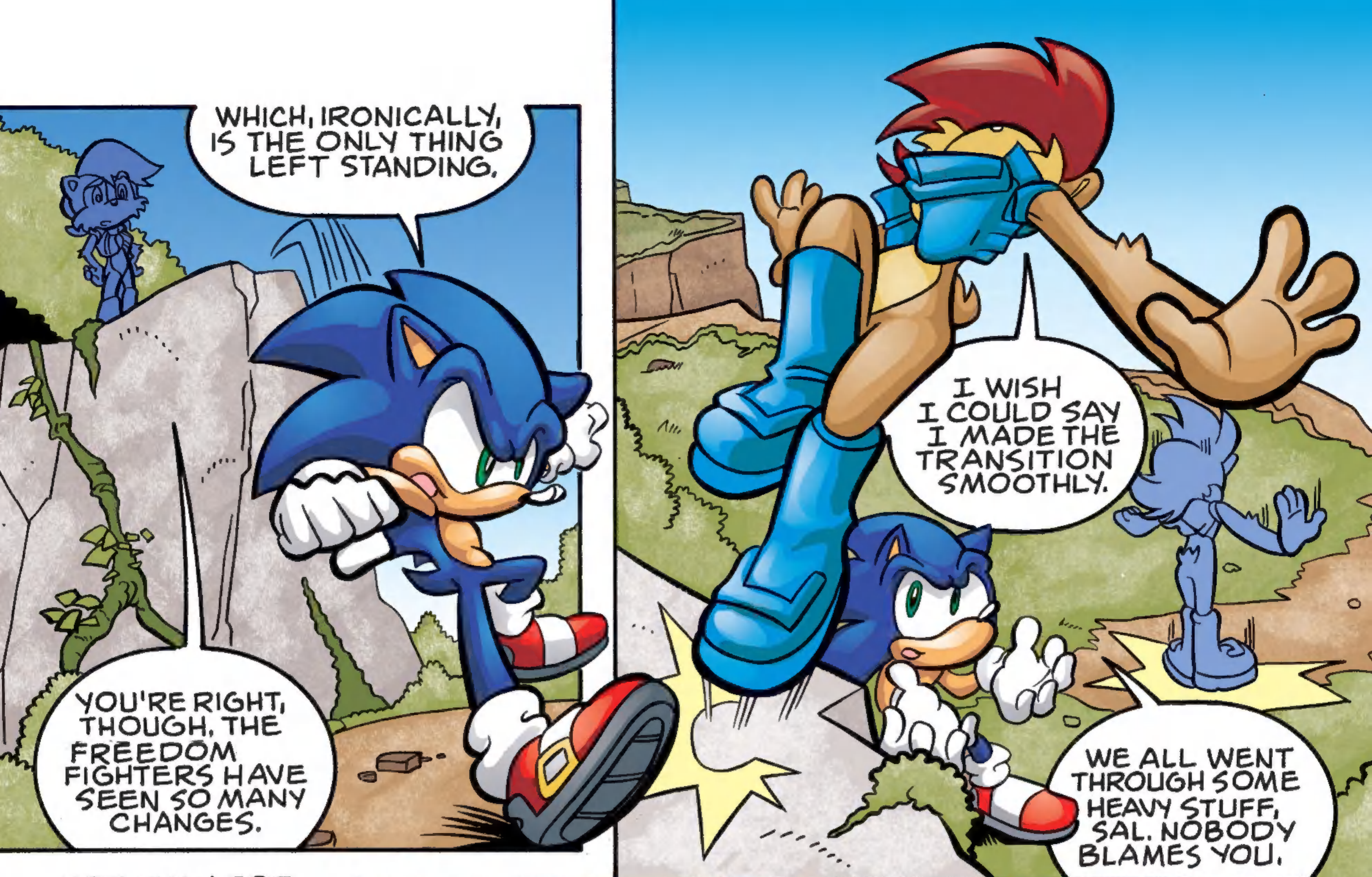
GET LONELY ON MEMORY LANE?

WE WERE JUST KIDS THEN, FIGHTING A GROWN-UP'S WAR, BUT IT NEVER FELT TOO BIG WHEN WE COULD COME BACK HERE, TO HOME.

YES, HONESTLY.

I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT BEING IN THE GREAT FOREST WITHOUT THE REST OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

YEAH, HARD TO BELIEVE ALL THE STUFF WE'VE OVERCOME SINCE THE DAYS OF THE OLD HIDE-OUT.



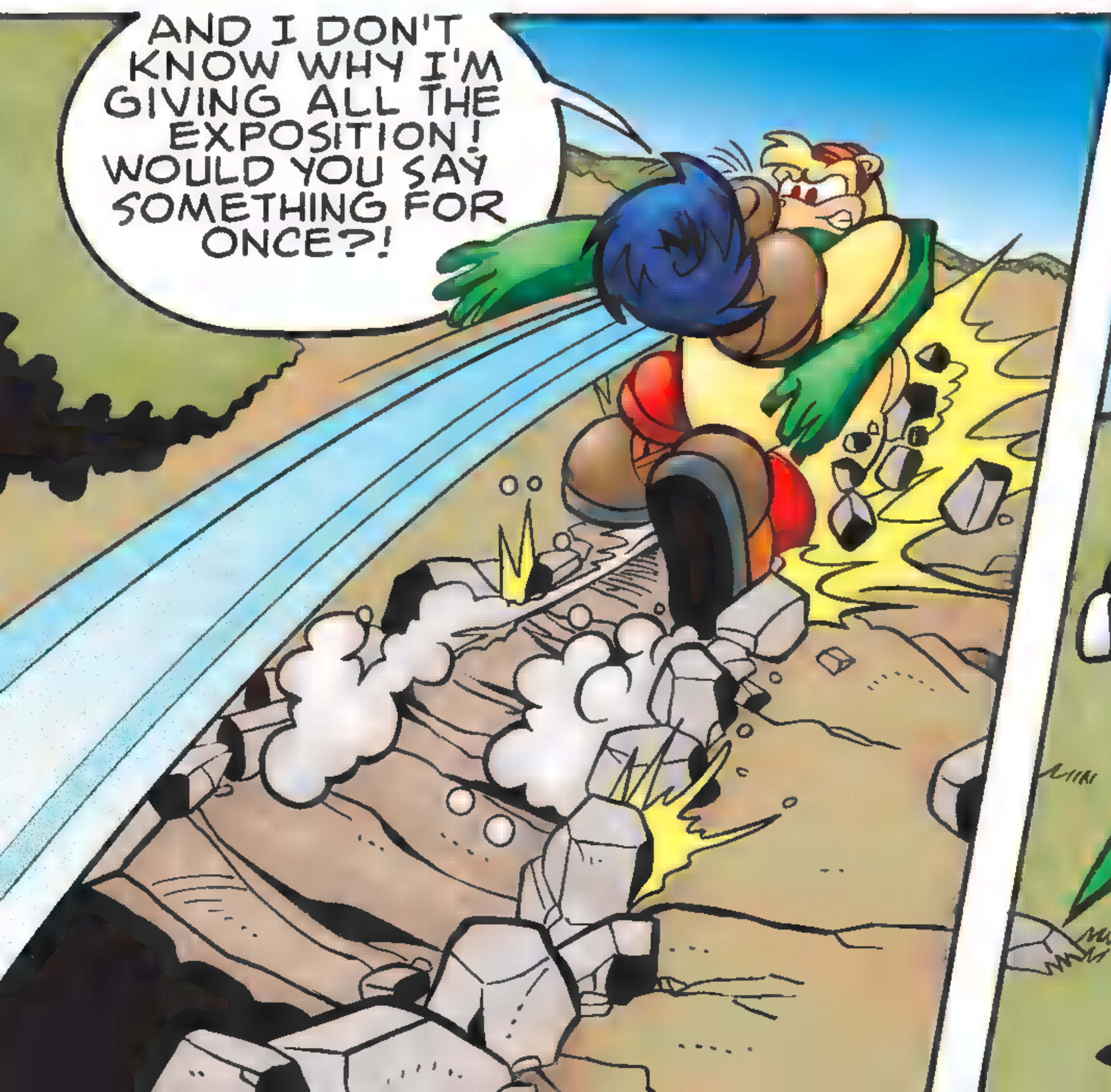




SURE
DIDN'T TAKE
YOU GUYS
LONG TO
GO ON THE
OFFENSIVE.

WHEEEEE!

AND
SINCE YOU
GUYS DO THIS
KIND OF THING
FOR A LIVING,
I'M WILLING
TO BET MOGUL IS
PICKING UP THE TAB.
DIDN'T TAKE *HIM*
LONG, EITHER!

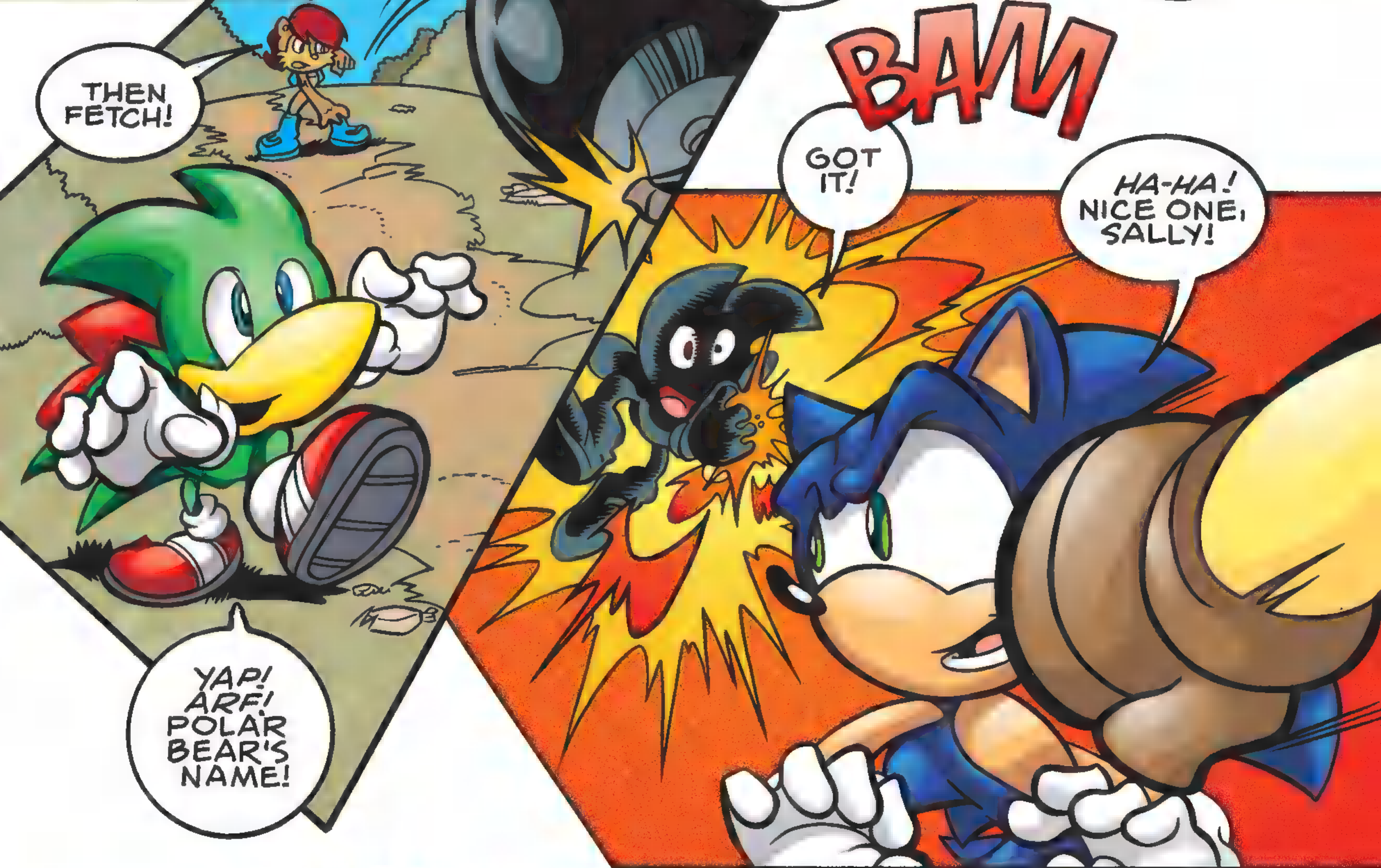
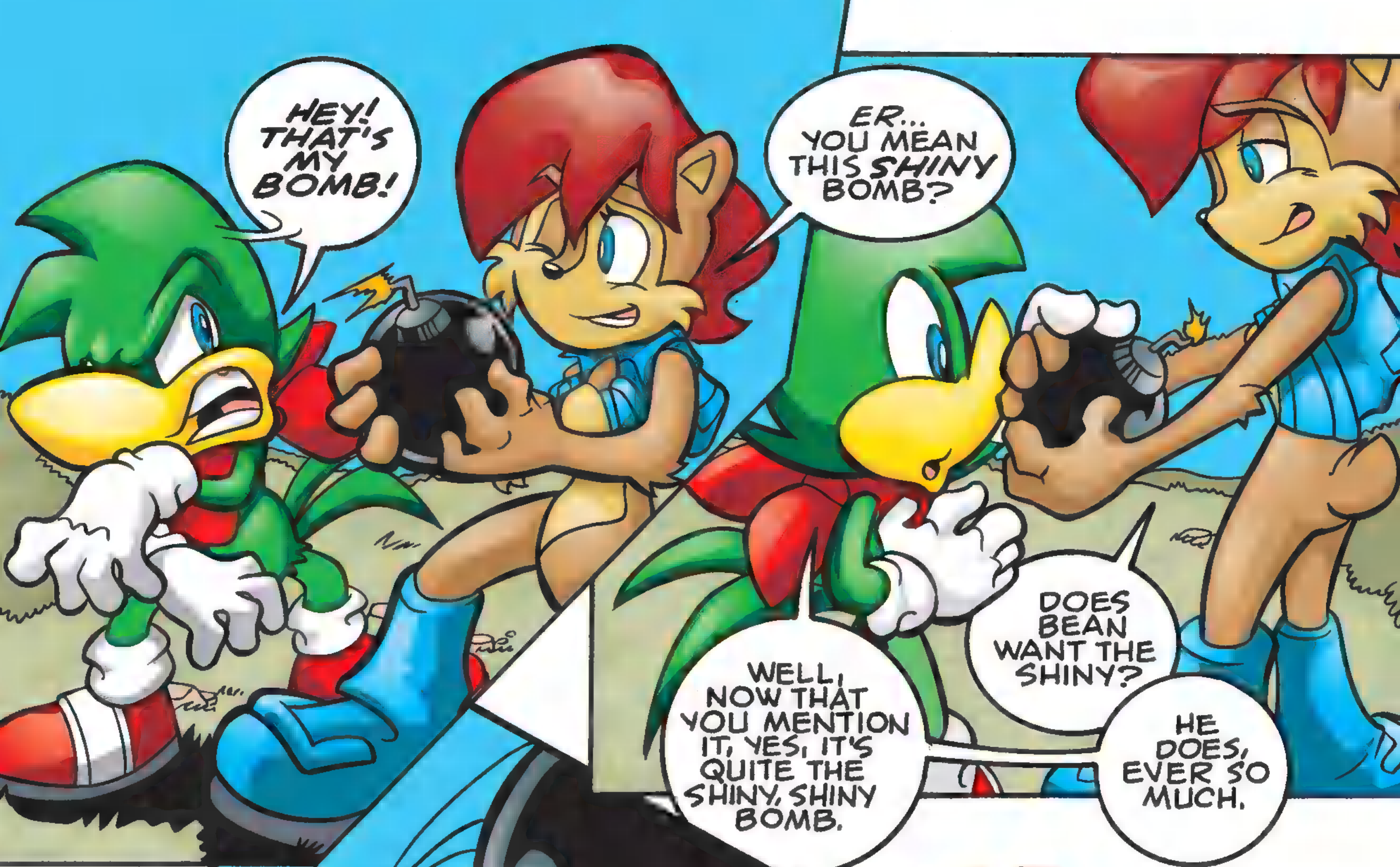


AND I DON'T
KNOW WHY I'M
GIVING ALL THE
EXPOSITION!
WOULD YOU SAY
SOMETHING FOR
ONCE?!

GET CLEAR!
GET CLEAR!
I'LL A'SPLODE
HIM GOOD!



LET'S SEE IF
THIS STILL
WORKS...





OH, LOOK!
THE DESTRUCTIX.
JUST WHAT I
NEEDED!

SAVE YOURSELF
SOME PAIN AND
GIVE IT UP,
HEDGEHOG.

WHEN
THE ODDS
ARE SIX TO
ONE? THAT'S
HARDLY A
CHALLENGE!
AND IT SEEMS
YOU'RE
DOWN
TWO.



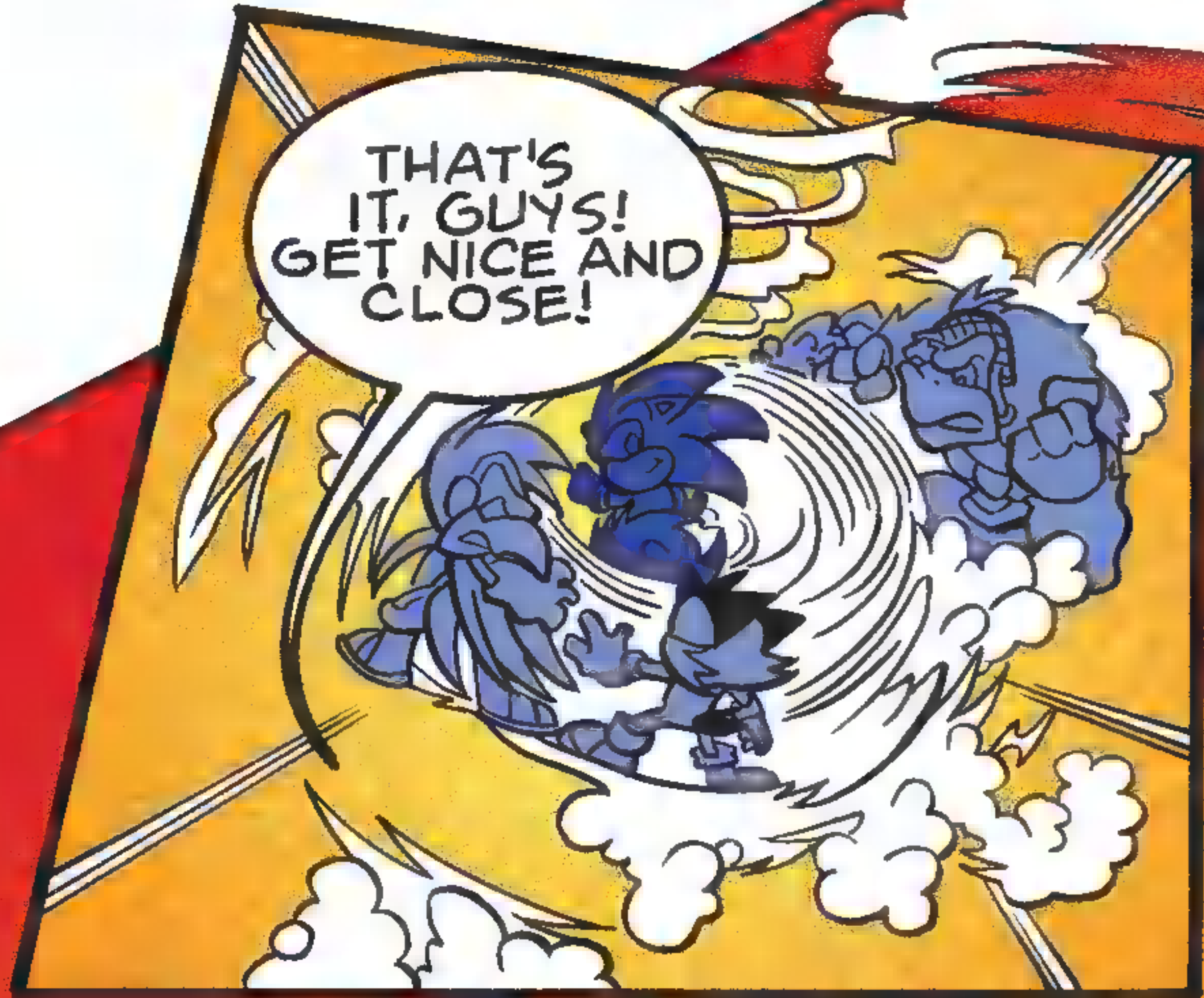
YOU MEAN SCOURGE AND
FIONA? THEY BAILED ON US
DURING THAT ENERJAK
MESS.* NOT THAT WE NEED
THEM FOR THIS JOB.

*WHAT'S ONE
MORE ASTERISK?
SEE STH # 184.



SUUUUURE
YOU DON'T!

BOX HIM IN!
BOYS. DON'T
GIVE HIM
ROOM TO DO
ANYTHING.



THAT'S IT, GUYS!
GET NICE AND CLOSE!



YOU'VE GOT ME
ON THE ROPES
NOW!

HA HA
HA!

ARROGANT
LITTLE---!



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ME.
I COULD
KEEP THIS
UP ALL
DAY!



OW!
THERE'S
THAT
"PAYING
ATTENTION"
THING
AGAIN...



YOU'LL
BE
PAYING
MORE
THAN
THAT!



WE'VE
SUFFERED
ENOUGH
INDIGNITY
AT YOUR
HANDS!



ESPECIALLY
ME.

YOU
KNOW
WHAT,
DRAGO?

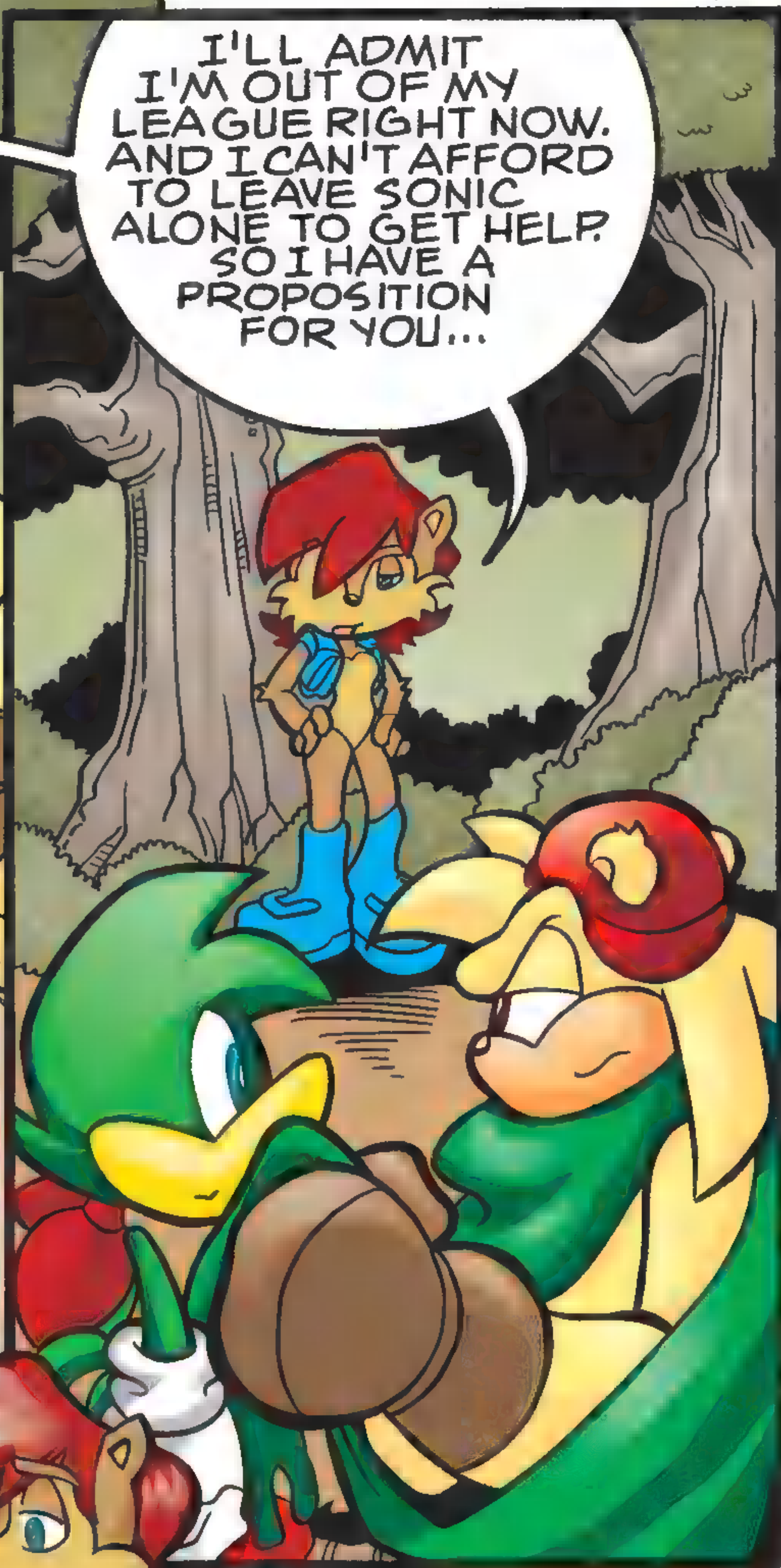


GET
USED
TO IT.

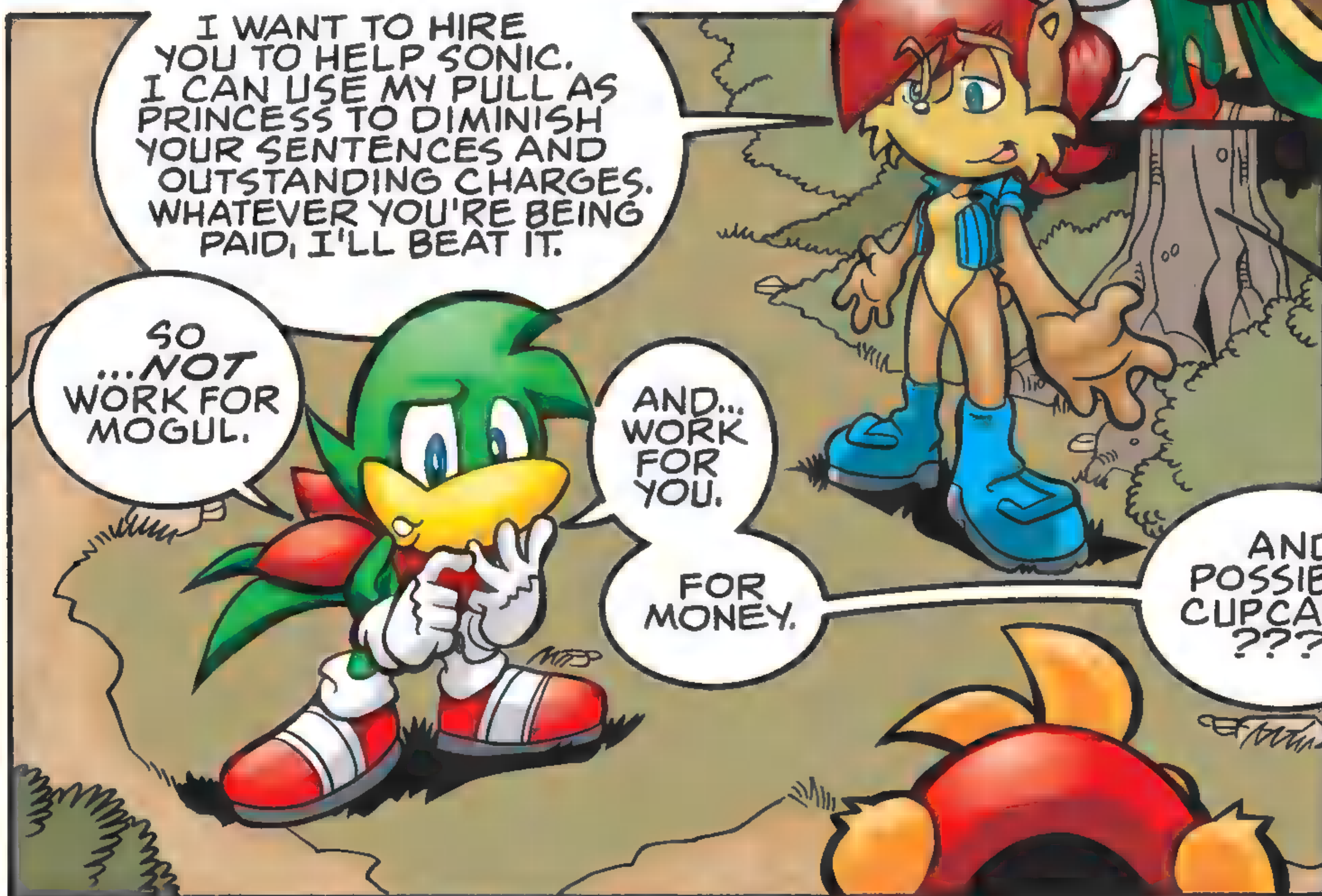


ALL
RIGHT,
YOU TWO!
LISTEN
UP!

YEAH!
GIVE HIM
A LEFT! AND
ANOTHER! AND NO
DESSERT AFTER
DINNER!



I'LL ADMIT
I'M OUT OF MY
LEAGUE RIGHT NOW.
AND I CAN'T AFFORD
TO LEAVE SONIC
ALONE TO GET HELP.
SO I HAVE A
PROPOSITION
FOR YOU...



I WANT TO HIRE
YOU TO HELP SONIC.
I CAN USE MY PULL AS
PRINCESS TO DIMINISH
YOUR SENTENCES AND
OUTSTANDING CHARGES.
WHATEVER YOU'RE BEING
PAID, I'LL BEAT IT.

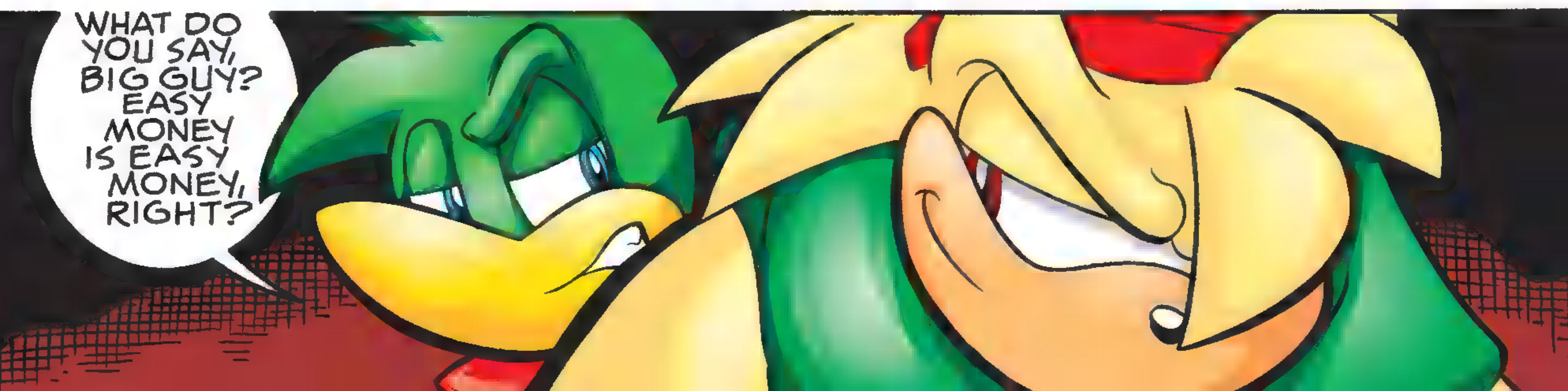
SO
...**NOT**
WORK FOR
MOGUL.

AND...
WORK
FOR YOU.

FOR
MONEY.

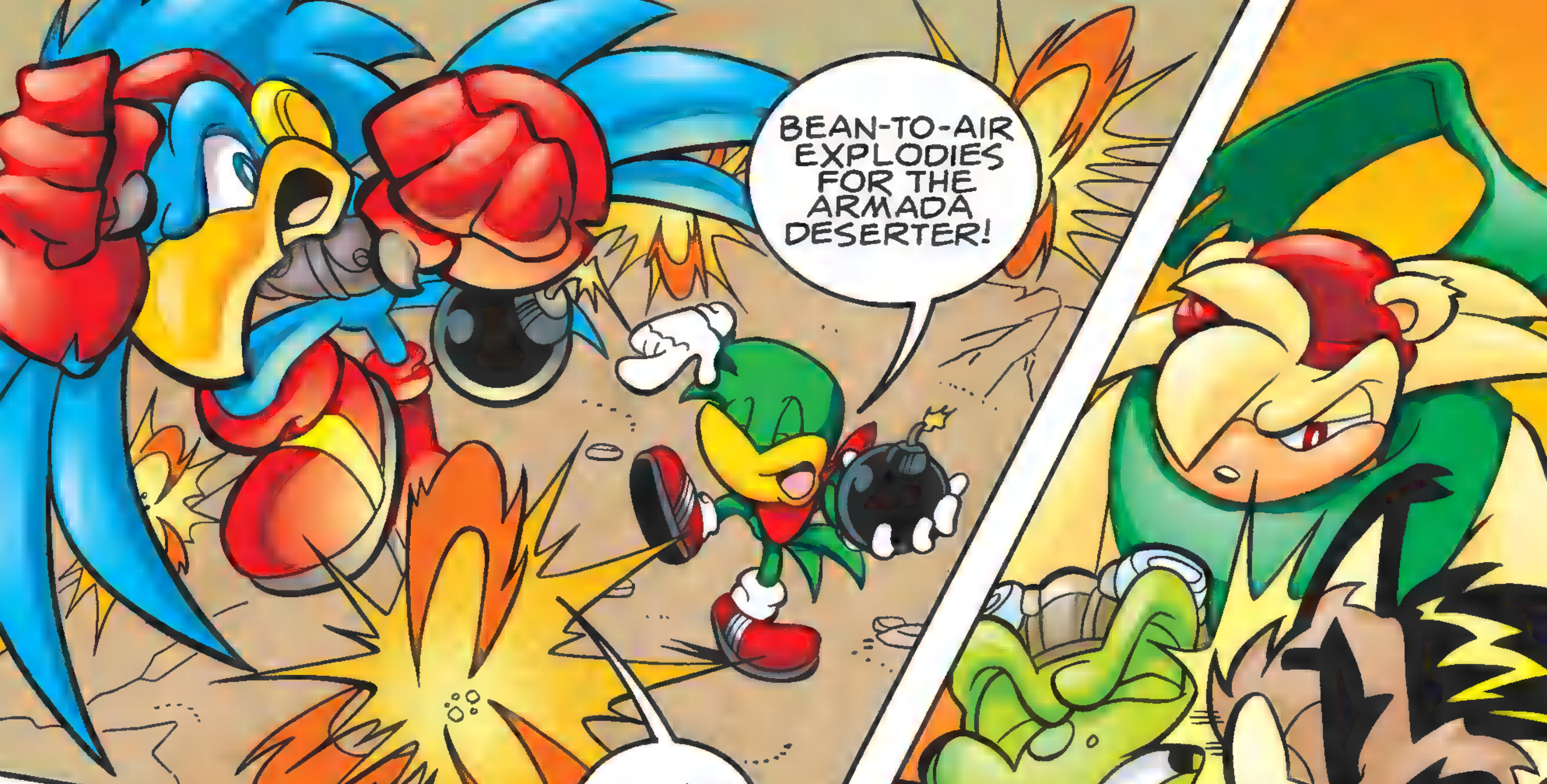
AND
POSSIBLY
CUPCAKES
???

RIGHT.



WHAT DO
YOU SAY,
BIG GUY?
EASY
MONEY
IS EASY
MONEY,
RIGHT?





BEAN-TO-AIR
EXPLODIES
FOR THE
ARMADA
DESERTER!



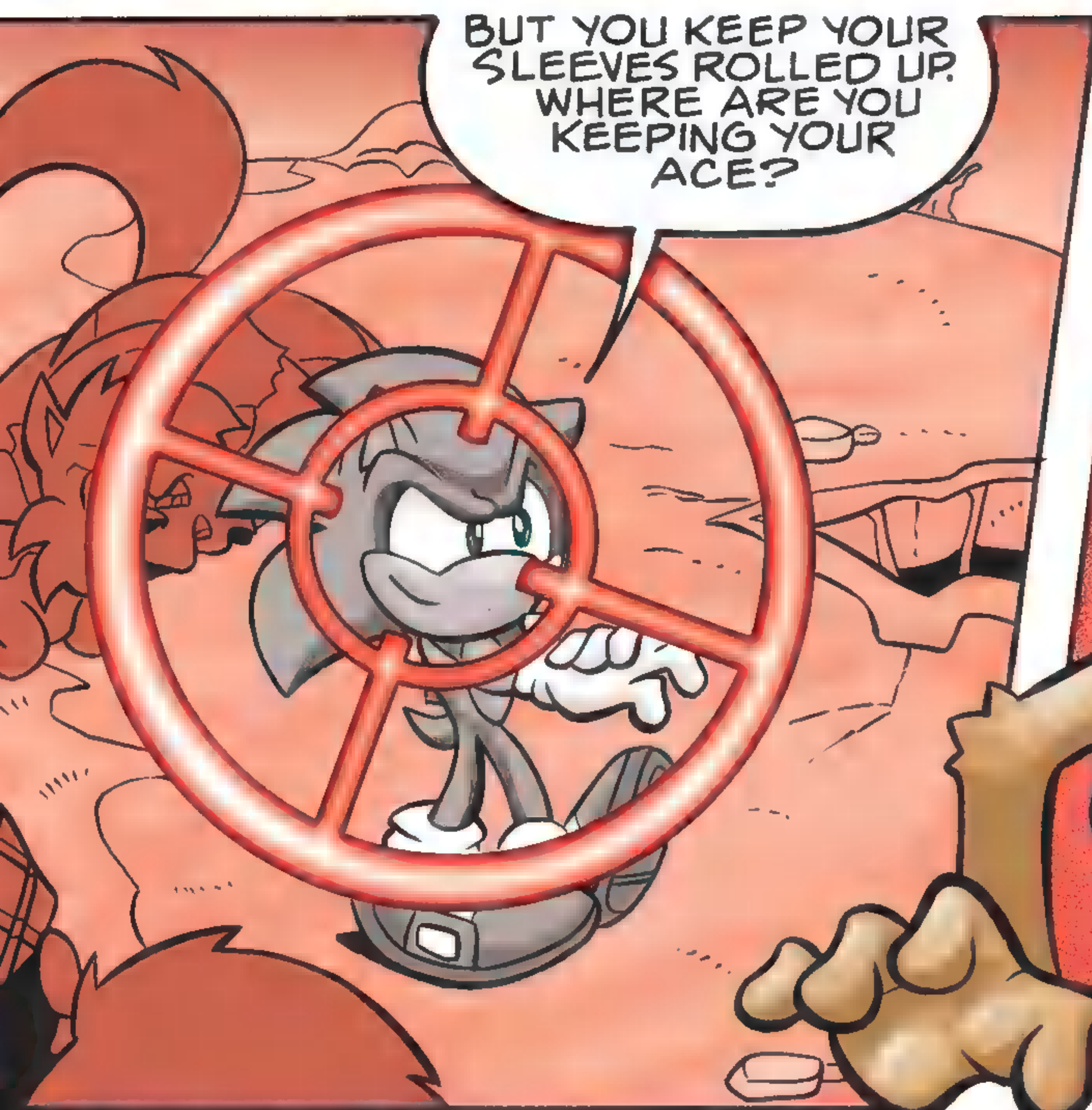
YOU'RE
ONE TO
TALK!

WE'LL
HAVE THIS
DONE BY
DINNER.

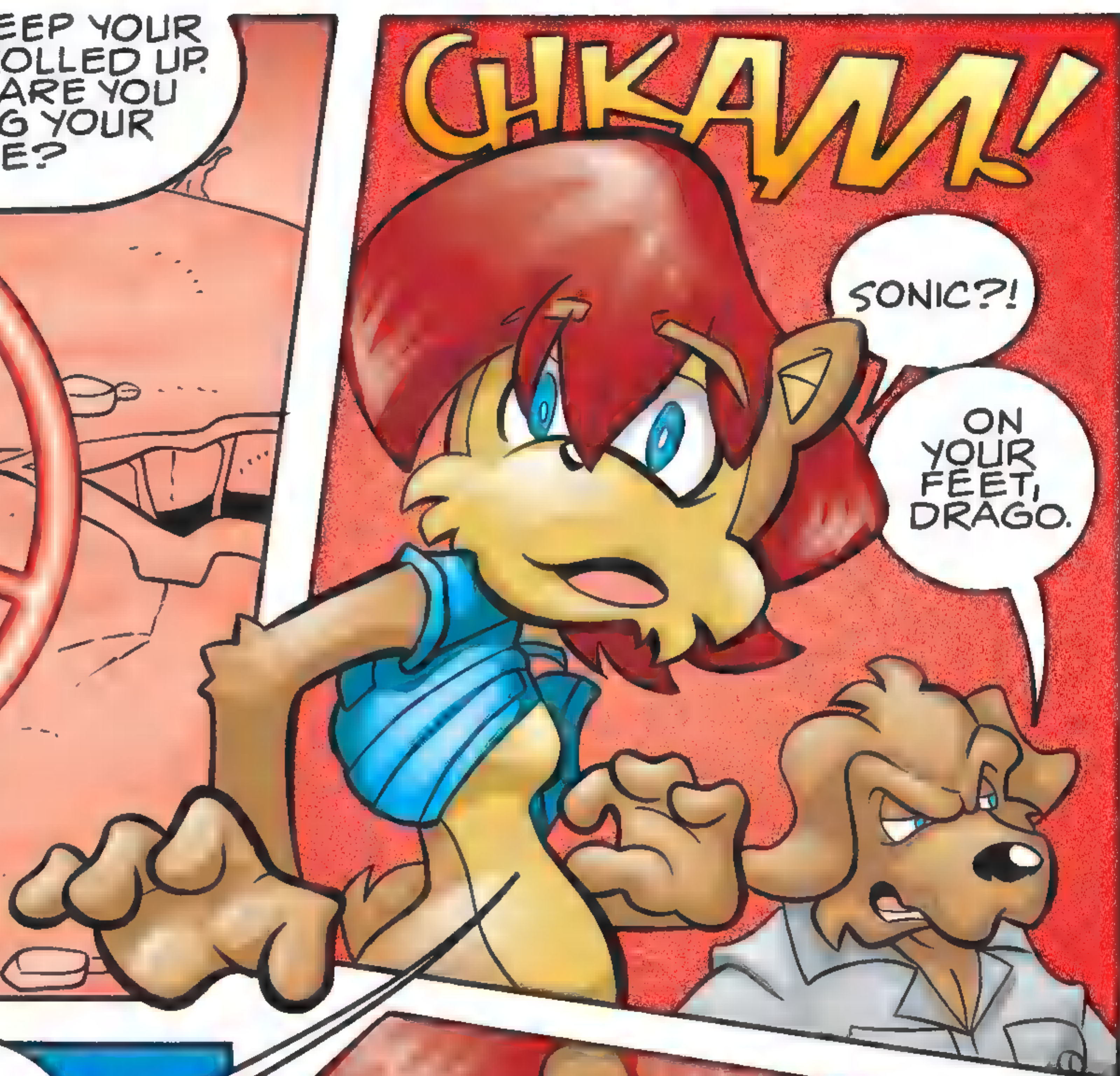


SAVE
YOURSELF
SOME PAIN!
SLEUTH.
GIVE IT
UP.

WE'RE
NOT DONE
YET,
PRINCESS.
I'VE
STILL GOT
ONE
ACE UP MY
SLEEVE.



BUT YOU KEEP YOUR
SLEEVES ROLLED UP.
WHERE ARE YOU
KEEPING YOUR
ACE?



CHKAAM!

SONIC?!

ON
YOUR
FEET,
DRAGO.



GO
GET THE
TRUCK.

SONIC!



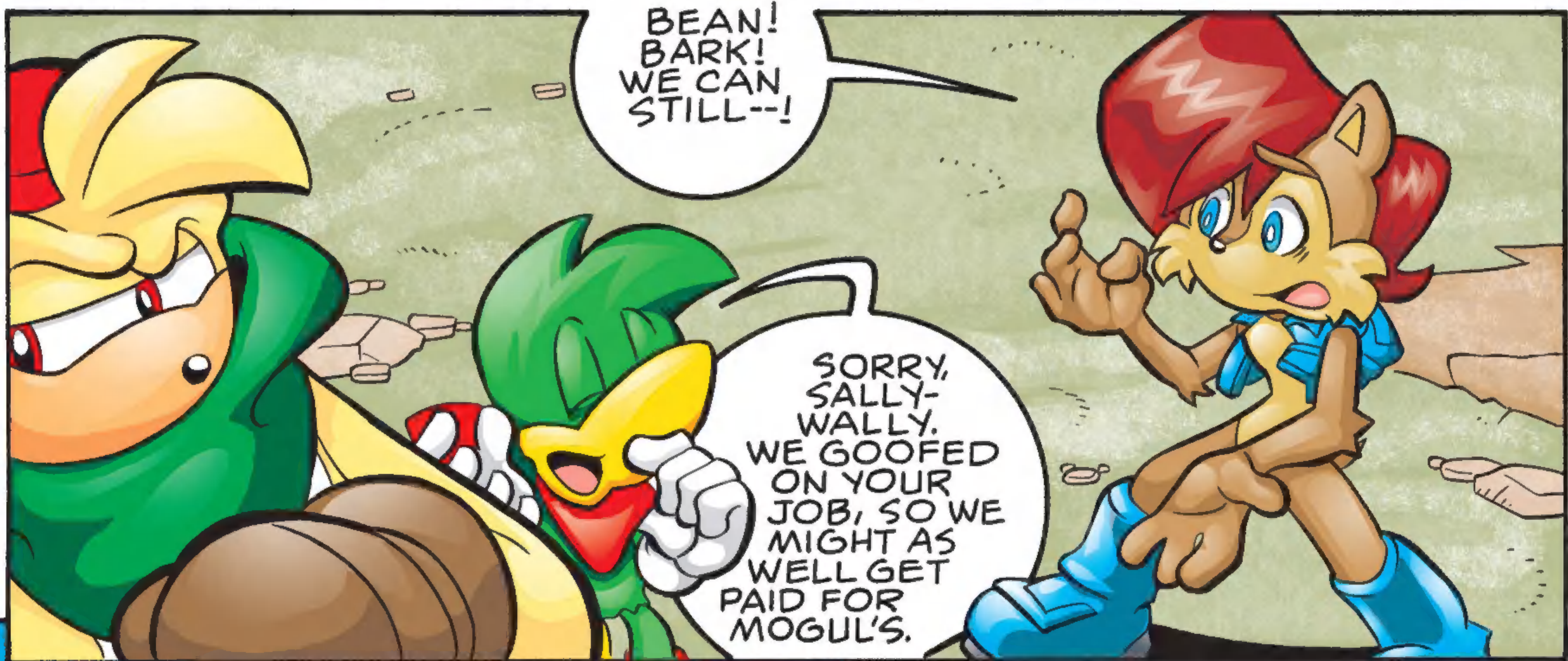
RELAX, TOOTS.
HE'S JUST STUNNED.
MORE INTERESTING
THAT WAY, EH?



LET HIM GO!

OR WHAT, LITTLE GIRL?

YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE US?



BEAN! BARK! WE CAN STILL--!

SORRY, SALLY-WALLY. WE GOOFED ON YOUR JOB, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL GET PAID FOR MOGUL'S.



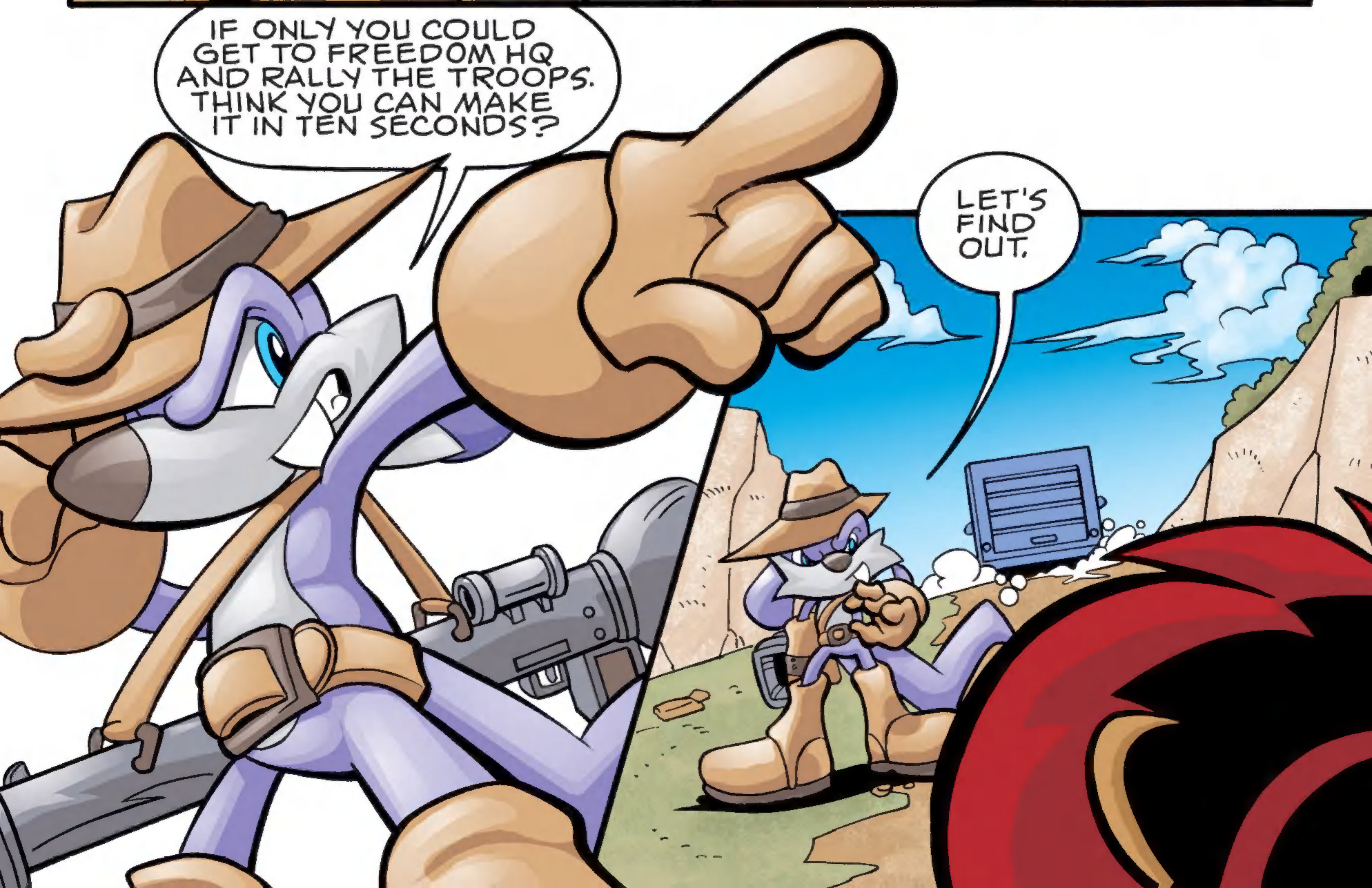
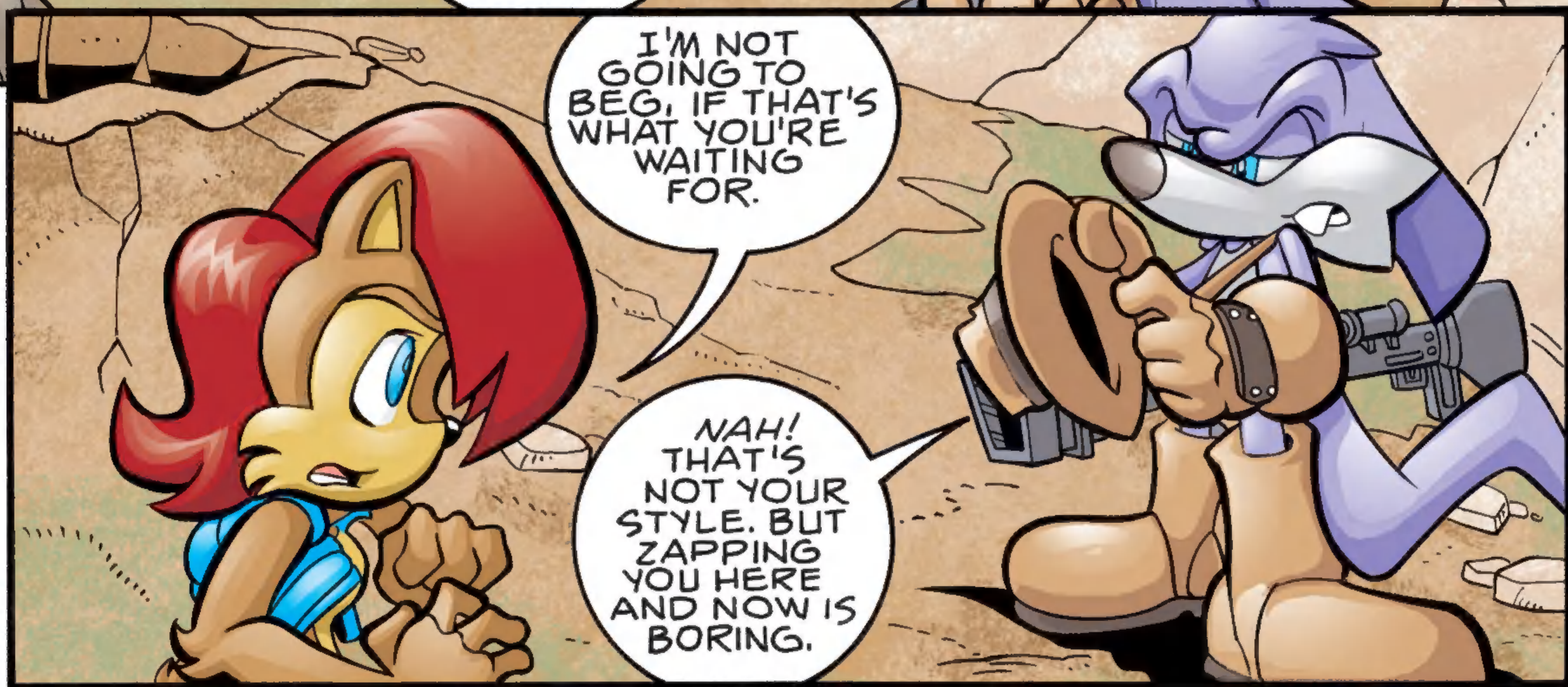
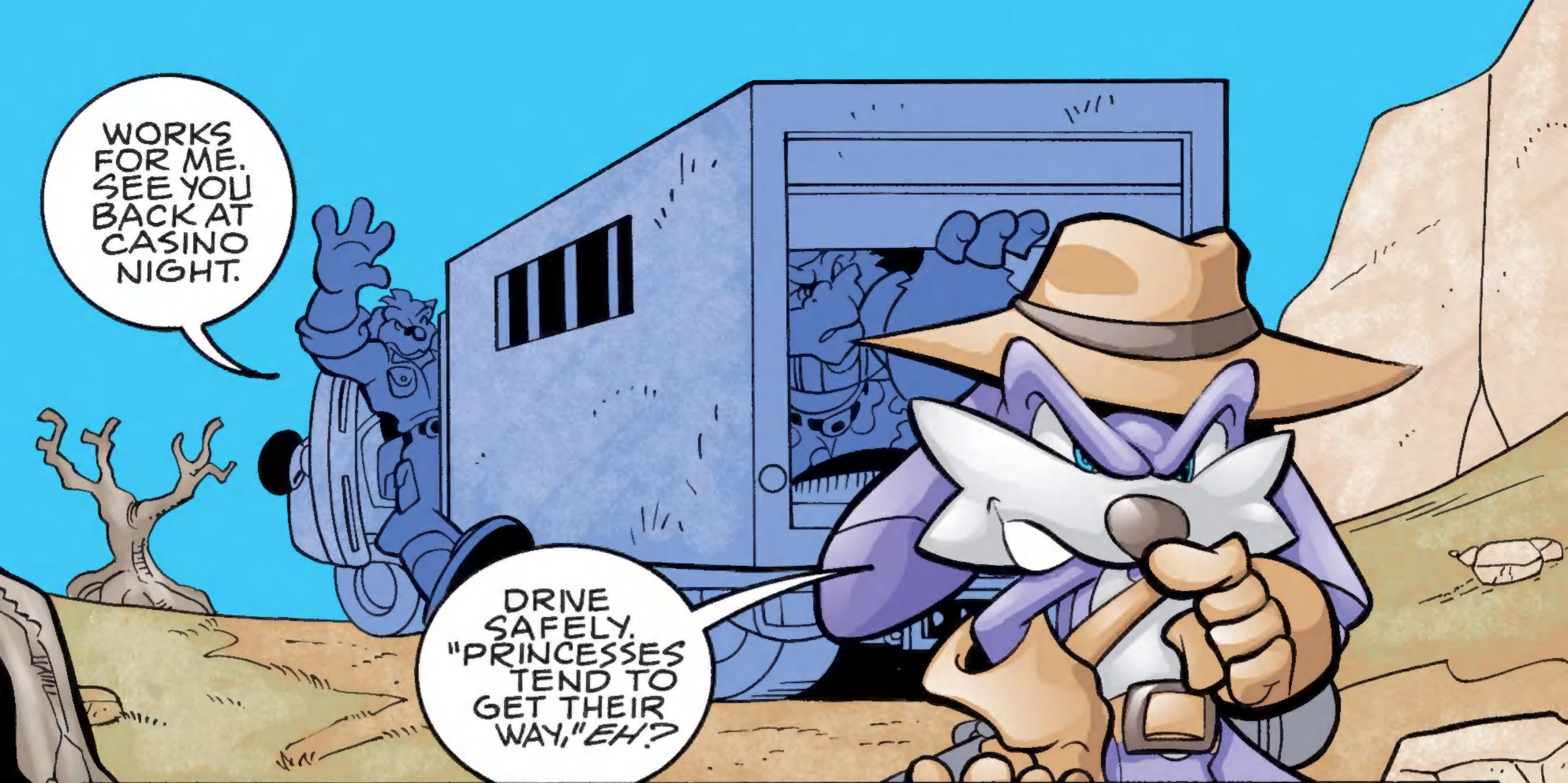
NOW--WHAT TO DO WITH THE ROYAL BRAT?

YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD AND CASH IN. I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HER.

SO DO I.



YEAH, BUT I'M DOING THIS JOB FOR **FREE**. THIS CAN BE MY TIP.





TEN.
NINE.
EIGHT.

If only **SONIC was the one running!
Can **SALLY** get the help she needs?
Can the help get to Sonic **IN TIME**?
Come back **NEXT MONTH** for the exciting **CONCLUSION**!
And enjoy the time between with **SONIC X** and the **SONIC ARCHIVES**!**



WWW.ARCHIECOMICS.COM WWW.SEGA.COM

SONIC-GRAMS

WRITE TO US @: SONIC-GRAMS c/o ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.
P.O. BOX # 419 MAMARONECK NY 10543-0419 E-MAIL: SONIC@ARCHIECOMICS.COM

All letters, photos and art submitted to us become property of Archie Comics and may be edited for length and content. Sorry, but material will not be returned.

LETTERS

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams: Hey, whazzup!

Sup.

It's so cool that Sonic Grams and Art are back! Great job on the covers and art; especially you, Tracy Yardley! Is there any way to contact Sonic artists like Spaz, Tracy, and my classic favorite, Art Mawhinney?

Considering they're all probably reading this, I'd say you just did.

Do you think ya'll can do trades on Super Specials, just like Sonic Archives? You don't know how bad I wanna read those!

Oh, we sure DO know how bad you wanna read those, which is why, in just three short weeks, you can pick up the very first installment of the brand new series "SONIC SELECT"! Each volume will reprint 128 pages of the best of the best from the Sonic Super Specials, all digitally re-mastered like Sonic Archives! Book One will feature stories from "Sonic: In Your Face," "Sonic & Knuckles," "Triple Trouble," and "Sonic Live!" Pre-order your copies today: on sale May 2008!

(SHAMELESS PLUG #1)
Any big plans for issue #200? Or is it Top Secret?!

HA.

When will that lime furball Scourge go home?! Really, he's such a pain!! He's caused so much trouble and drama...

Don't worry. You'll see Scourge soon enough.

Who's that female-looking version of Nack? Is that his sister or his girlfriend?

Be careful - Nack has zapped people for statements like that. Nic is his sister, NOT his girlfriend. She can be found in "Knuckles" issues 26-28-back-order now! (SHAMELESS PLUG #2)

And that blue-green hedgehog with the brown hoodie and a bow and arrow, who is he??

Rob O' the Hedge wouldst be the hedgehog of whom you speakest! From the Kingdom of Mercia he be, and he appeareth in both Knuckles and Sonic comics alike, so ordereth your issueseth today...eth! (Ye Olde SHAMELESS PLUGGE #3)

Whatever happened to the original Robotnik in issue #50? Is there any chance he'll come back?

Ah, the classic "Endgame" saga from StH issues #47-50! The Robotnik vs. Eggman question dates back over ten years, and is much too detailed to go into here, so order your—ah, you get the idea (SHAMELESS PLUG #4).

Before I go, can you please explain to me how ya'll pick the fan art pictures?

- KENSLEY S.
FROM VA

You would like to know, wouldn't you?

Dear Sonic-Grams: I read all the Sonic Archives and was wondering if #7 and #8 will be coming out soon.

- CARL J.
FROM SC

Ah, now that's an easy one! Archives Volume 7 will be on sale in early June, and Volume 8 in early August.

NEXT ISSUE:188



"Beating the House" - The Freedom Fighters follow Sonic's trail to Mammoth Mogul's casino, where Mogul holds all the cards!!

ON SALE 05/26/08

FAN-ART



Jeremy P.

Matthew G.
From VA

That'll do it for this month's exciting installment of "Sonic-Grams: Back in Blue." Tune in next time for more laughs, tears, and misdirection, and as always: Keep on juicin'!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG (ISSN:10705090), No. 187, June, 2008. Published monthly by Archie Comic Publications, Inc., 325 Fayette Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2318. Richard H. Goldwater, President and Co-Publisher, Michael I. Silberkleit, Chairman and Co-Publisher. Single copies \$2.25 in the U.S.; \$2.65 in Canada. Subscription rate: U.S. \$27.00 for 12 issues; \$31.80 in Canada. All Canadian orders payable in U.S. funds. SEGA, Sonic The Hedgehog, and all related characters and indicia are either registered trademarks or trademarks of SEGA CORPORATION © 1991-2008. SEGA CORPORATION and SONICTEAM, LTD./SEGA CORPORATION © 1991-2008. All Rights Reserved. The product is manufactured under license from Sega of America, Inc., 650 Townsend St., Ste. 650, San Francisco, CA 94103 www.sega.com. Any similarities between characters, names, persons, and/or institutions in this book and any living, dead, or fictional characters, names, persons, and/or institutions are not intended and if they exist, are purely coincidental. Periodicals postage paid at the post office at Mamaroneck, New York and at additional mailing offices. Title registered in U.S. patent office. POSTMASTER, send address changes to SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, c/o Archie Comic Publications, Inc., 325 Fayette Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2318. Printed in Canada



GET SONIC COMICS ONLINE @ WWW.ARCHIECOMICS.COM